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**FOR: E-MONEY MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM, E-MONEY
MANAGING/HOLDING MEDIUM, COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH E-MONEY MANAGING
PROGRAM IS RECORDED, E-VALUE MANAGING/HOLDING
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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached, together with a copy of a European Search Report issued on the EP counterpart (European Patent Application No. 01400871.8) of the above-identified U.S. application.

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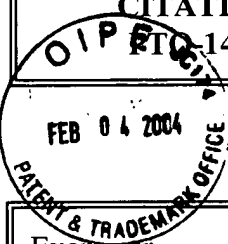
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